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SUBJECT: FLOWER BOMBS, PACKAGE BOMBS

1. ON AUGUST 26, 1976, TWO INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED IN WHICH INDIVIDUALS RECEIVED BOOBY-TRAPPED FLOWERS. ONE OF THE VICTIMS WAS CHRISTINA ESMERONI, DAUGHTER OF BENITO ESMERONI, FORMER HEAD OF IBM. MISS ESMERONI RECEIVED AN ORCHID CONTAINED IN A TYPICAL SEE-THROUGH PLASTIC TOPPED FLOWER BOX WHICH EXPLODED WHEN SHE OPENED IT. THE SECOND FLOWER BOMB EXPLODED IN THE HOUSE OF A FRENCH EXECUTIVE REPRESENTING RENAULT AND ASTARSA COMPANIES. INJURIES AND DAMAGE IN THIS CASE ARE UNKNOWN. REPORTED INFORMATION INDICATES THAT CHRISTINA ESMERONI LOST BOTH HANDS.

2. IN ANOTHER REPORTED INCIDENT, A GIFT-WRAPPED PACKAGE CONTAINING A PEN AND PENCIL SET WAS SENT TO THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OF THE FORD COMPANY. COMPANY SECURITY PERSONNEL WERE SUSPICIOUS AND DETONATED THE PACKAGE WITHOUT INJURY.

3. RSO COMMENT: EOD SUPERVISOR GOA HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO FURNISH INFORMATION CONCERNING QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES AND TRIGGERING OF FLOWER BOMBS. SUCH AS NOT BEEN RECEIVED. HE ADVISED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THE EXPLOSIVES WAS PLASTIC. IN ADDITION, HE WAS UNABLE TO ADVISE WHETHER THE BOMBS HAD ACTUALLY BEEN IMPLANTED IN THE FLOWERS OR WERE A LETTER TYPE BOMB CONCEALED IN THE ENVELOPE NORMALLY

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CONTAINING THE GREETING CARD OF THE SENDER. WHEN THE REQUESTED

INFORMATION IS RECEIVED, SUCH WILL BE REPORTED. A SECURITY
NOTICE IS BEING PUBLISHED CAUTIONING ALL POST PERSONNEL WITH
RESPECT TO THIS TERRORIST THREAT.
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